THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The 15-year Nuclear Power Profile (1985—2000) prepared by the Department of Atomic Energy envisages setting up of 12 units of 235 MWe and 10 units of 500 MWe capacity pressurised Heavy Water Reactors. One of the main constraints is the availability of investment resources to overcome which Government proposes to convert the Nuclear Power Board into a Corporation.

(b) Work on design and engineering of 500 MWe reactor is at an advanced stage.

(c) The first 500 MWe unit is likely to be commissioned during 1995-96.

Revision of advertisement rates on Doordarshan

1960. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to double the advertisement rate on Doordarshan; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what impact this revision will have on small advertisers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. However, the Doordarshan advertisement rates were recently rationalised and made operative from 1st March, 1987. The revised rate card is attached. [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 82].

(b) It is too early to make any assessment of the impact as the rationalised rate-structure has been made operative only with effect from 1st March, 1987.

Figures of National Income

1961. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated figures of national income issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in January, 1987;

(b) the estimated figures of national income issued by Central Statistical Organisation in January, 1987; and

(c) the reasons for divergence, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) estimated the growth rate of national income as 4 per cent and the national income at 1970-71 price as Rs. 59,323 crores for the year 1985-86 in their Report on Currency and Finance released on 2nd January, 1987. However, in a footnote the report indicates "On the basis of more recent data relating to agricultural production, the growth in the net national product is estimated to be about 4.5 per cent".

(b) The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) issues the Quick Estimates of national income and related aggregates in January each year. These estimates for 1985-86 were issued on 16th January, 1987. According to these estimates the growth rate of national income for 1985-86 is placed at 5.1 per cent and the national income at 1970-71 prices at Rs. 60,143 crores.

(c) The RBI has estimated the growth rate of 4 per cent on the basis of estimated increase in agricultural and industrial production as available upto August, 1986. On the other hand, the CSO's estimates are based on the detailed analysis of current available data upto December, 1986.